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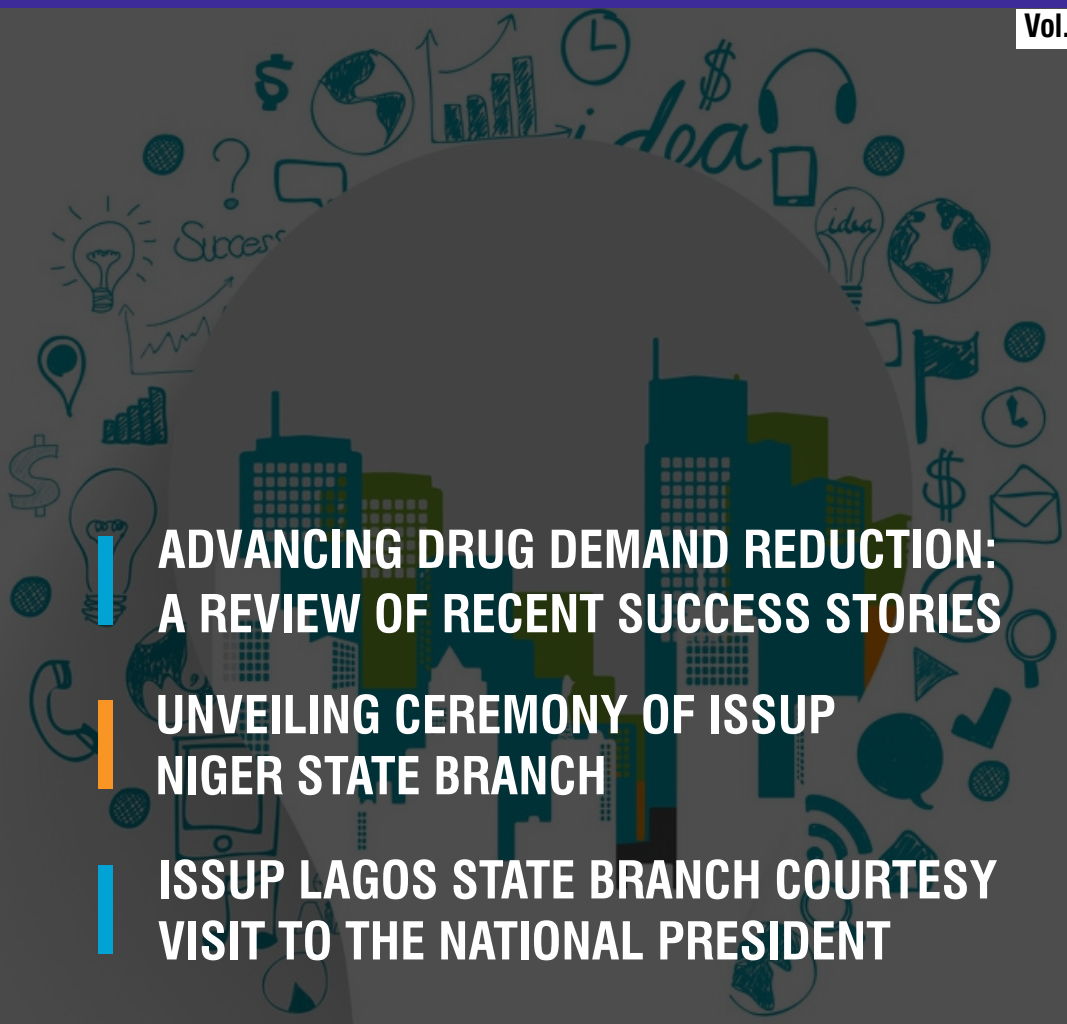

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ADVANCING DRUG DEMAND REDUCTION: A REVIEW OF RECENT SUCCESS STORIES

ISSUP Nigeria Chapter is excited to announce the publication of our first quarterly newsletter this year. This 14th SOLACE newsletter edition provides a moment to look back at the significant strides made over the last three months. During this time, our efforts have been crucial in driving positive change, fostering collaboration, and advancing our shared mission. In this edition, we shine a spotlight on the dynamic initiatives undertaken by the state branches of ISSUP Nigeria Chapter. These branches have been instrumental in spearheading substance use prevention, treatment and recovery efforts within their respective states. From impactful school-based sensitization to courtesy visits and community-based interventions, our state branches have showcased unwavering dedication and resolve in addressing the complex challenges posed by substance use and abuse.

Furthermore, we provide a comprehensive overview of recent meetings, workshops and webinars that have served as vital platforms for knowledge exchange, capacity building, and networking. These gatherings have offered invaluable opportunities for stakeholders from diverse backgrounds to convene, exchange best practices, and explore innovative strategies to combat substance use issues and support the growth and development of ISSUP Nigeria. Additionally, we take pride in spotlighting recent appointments and awards within our community, acknowledging the exceptional contributions of individuals who have exhibited exemplary leadership, dedication, and excellence in the field of drug demand reduction. These appointments and recognitions highlight the relentless efforts of our members in driving positive change and effecting meaningful transformations in the lives of individuals and communities grappling with substance abuse.

As we press onward in our endeavour to cultivate a healthier, safer, and more resilient society, let us remain steadfast in our commitment to collaboration, innovation, and empathy. Together, we possess the capacity to effect enduring change and empower individuals to surmount the challenges posed by substance use. We extend our heartfelt gratitude for your unwavering support and dedication to the SOLACE community. Let us forge ahead with renewed determination and optimism, cognizant of the fact that our collective endeavours are yielding tangible results.

Ejikeme M. Ogueji
Head, Editorial and Webinar Team

UNVEILING CEREMONY OF ISSUP NIGER STATE BRANCH

The official unveiling ceremony of the International Society of Substance Use Professionals (ISSUP) Niger State Branch was an event of significant importance. The unveiling was at a one-day Drug Sensitization Programme for Secondary School Principals in Niger State organised by the National Drug Law Enforcement Agency (NDLEA) Niger State Command and the Niger State Government held at the LegboKutigi International Conference Centre in Minna, Niger State.

Proceedings of the event were marked by esteemed speaker and interactive sessions. Notable attendees included representatives from the Niger State Government, NDLEA and distinguished guests from various sectors. His Excellency, the Executive Governor of Niger State, was represented by the Hon. Commissioner of Education, Dr. Jonathan Wassa. The inaugural lecture, "The Role of Schools in the Fight against the Menace of Drug Abuse," was delivered by Alhaji Yahya Omba, a retired Assistant Commander General of the NDLEA.

His insightful presentation was followed by an engaging interactive session, allowing participants to delve deeper into the topic and exchange ideas. The highlight of the ceremony was the official unveiling of ISSUP Niger state branch, conducted by Mr. Musa Bwalin, the

Unveiling of ISSUP Niger State Branch

Commander of NDLEA Niger State Command, alongside representatives of the Executive Governor and members of ISSUP Niger State Branch. This symbolic moment marked the formal establishment of ISSUP Nigeria Chapter's presence in Niger State, signalling a commitment to addressing substance abuse issues through professional collaboration and intervention. The event continued with a second lecture titled "Drug Abuse Prevention, Treatment, and Control," delivered by Dr. Mohammed Kaka Jibrin, mni, a retired Commander of Narcotics, NDLEA. The presentation provided valuable insights into strategies for preventing and managing substance abuse, fostering a deeper understanding among attendees. The interactive sessions following each lecture facilitated open dialogue and knowledge sharing among participants, enriching the learning experience and fostering a sense of community engagement in combating drug abuse. The ceremony concluded with the presentation of certificates to participants and a vote of thanks by Alhaji Aliyu Yahaya, the immediate past NDLEA Zonal Commander, Zone C, comprising Niger, Kwara, and Kogi states. The success of the event was evident in the enthusiastic participation of attendees and the keen interest shown by individuals in registering as members of ISSUP. Through collaborative efforts between ISSUP Nigeria chapter, NDLEA, and the Niger State Government, the ceremony reinforced the collective commitment to combating drug abuse and promoting a healthier, drug-free society. ISSUP Niger state branch extends their gratitude to all participants, speakers, organizers, and supporters who contributed to making the event a resounding success. Together, we strive towards a brighter, drug-free future for Niger State and beyond.

From Left: Mr. Musa Bwalin, Commander of NDLEA Niger State, the representative of the Commissioner of Police Niger State and the representative of the Controller Immigration Niger State

From Left: Alhaji Yahaya Omba ACGN (Rtd) Former Zonal Commander Zone C, Alhaji Yahaya Aliyu Former Zonal Commander 'C' Comprising Niger, Kwara and Kogi State. Dr Mohammed Ksaka Jibrin CN (Rtd) Mni and Hon. Shaka Adaba Special Adviser Media Publicity and Event to the Executive Governor, Niger State

UNVEILING CEREMONY OF ISSUP NIGER STATE BRANCH

Mr. Paul Lawrence, the ISSUP Niger State Branch Coordinator speaking ahead of the unveiling

Entertainment troupe at the event

Participants at the event

Entertainment troupe at the event

Group photograph after the unveiling

Unveiling of ISSUP Niger State Branch

COURTESY VISIT BY ISSUP LAGOS STATE BRANCH TO DR. MARTIN O. AGWOGIE, PRESIDENT, ISSUP NIGERIA/EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, GISA

Recently, the Lagos State Branch of ISSUP Nigeria Chapter paid a courtesy visit to the National President of ISSUP Nigeria Chapter, Dr. Martin O. Agwogie, who is also the Founder/Executive Director of the Global Initiative on Substance Abuse (GISA). The visiting team comprised:

1. Dr. Olajumoke Koyejo - ISSUP South West Zonal Coordinator
2. Mrs. Titilope M. Ogunluyi - Lagos State Coordinator
3. Dr. Adetolu I. Olatunde - State Treasurer
4. Mr. Nuga Adekunle - Member
5. Mr. Moses Adewale - Member
6. Mekwuye Olabisi - State PRO

Dr. Martin Agwogie 3rd from right with the Executives of ISSUP Lagos state branch

The visit commenced at about 2:00 p.m. with an opening address by the Lagos State Branch Coordinator, Mrs. Titilope M. Ogunluyi, who appreciated the President and thanked him for his leadership over the years. She pledged the branch's commitment to continue working towards the success of ISSUP Nigeria Chapter. She noted that the team deemed it fit to come and learn from the wealth of experience of the President, hence the courtesy visit.

The South West Zonal Coordinator, Dr. Olajumoke Koyejo, in her remarks, noted that the visit was an emotional one for her. She reminisced about her journey with ISSUP Nigeria's establishment during the inaugural Universal Treatment Curriculum (UTC) 1 and 2 training

at the Federal Neuro Psychiatric Hospital, Yaba, in 2017. She said Dr. Martin O. Agwogie initiated the idea of starting ISSUP Nigeria at the training and thereafter became the President. She eulogized his leadership qualities, which remain proactive, strategic, focused, and unwavering despite challenges. She noted that the President has been committing his personal resources to the development of ISSUP in Nigeria, and that members are proud of him. She prayed for his good health and pledged continued partnership and collaboration. She called for his nomination for ISSUP Greece Conference award to honor him. On behalf of the South West and Lagos state branches, she thanked the President for the success story so far.

In his remarks, Dr. Adetolu I. Olatunde said he is both an ISSUP member and a GISA staff. He appreciated the President for positioning and giving visibility to ISSUP Nigeria globally. He spoke of his leadership qualities that have propelled both ISSUP Nigeria and GISA to enviable heights. He recalled that his relationship with ISSUP Nigeria and GISA commenced in 2018 when he met the President at the International Consortium of Universities for Drug Demand Reduction (ICUDDR) 2nd conference/training in San Diego, USA, when he was in the service of Lagos State Government and as the Head of School Principals in the state. He said through the President's tutelage and support, he became a Coach and Trainer. He stated that the President's effort in ISSUP Nigeria has yielded good results. He also called for his support and nomination for the award at ISSUP Greece Global Conference. He prayed for his good health of mind and body.

Dr. Martin Agwogie in a group photo with ISSUP Lagos state officials

In his response, the President thanked ISSUP Lagos state branch for the visit and commended them for all the good work. He noted that his activities, over the years, right from his time with the National Drug Law Enforcement Agency (NDLEA), were all geared towards service to

humanity. He remarked that leadership is a learning process and elaborated on the importance of working with a clear conscience as a leader. He thanked his wife, Mrs. Faith Martin Agwogie, who has always stood by him with the needed support to provide the necessary leadership and service to humanity, and appreciated all ISSUP members who have been very supportive.

The President emphasized the need to do things right and professionalism in the field of drug demand reduction (DDR) and in line with evidence-based practices. Such, he said, comes with both local and international recognition. He cited his NGO, GISA, as an example. He noted that GISA attained the United Nations (UN) Consultative Status as a member of the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) within 3 years of its operation, which was one of the fastest in the world.

Dr. Martin Agwogie cutting his birthday cake with the state officials

He spoke about his journey in DDR when in the service of the NDLEA, emphasizing professionalism, passion, and dedication. He noted that even though he was recruited into the Agency as an operative, he developed a passion for DDR after a year in service (that was 1997), which led to his Master's and PhD in psychology with research interest in DDR. He noted that his practical DDR activities and training started in 2010 with the first round of TREATNET training to becoming a United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) TREATNET and Drug Prevention Treatment and Care (DPTC) Master Trainer. He gave credit to the NDLEA where he worked for 23 years before his voluntary retirement for providing him several opportunities and encouragement, including the publication and launching of 3 books (on drug demand reduction) in 2012.

The President, who is also a member of the Board of Directors of ISSUP Global, took time to provide a historical background to the development of ISSUP, ICUDDR, UTC, and the Universal Prevention Curriculum (UPC) in Nigeria. He gave credit to some individuals and

institutions like Dr. Olajumoke Koyejo and the Federal Neuro Psychiatric Hospital Yaba for the introduction of UTC and the Global Initiative on Substance Abuse (GISA) for the introduction of the UPC in Nigeria. He noted that these initiatives have greatly helped in strengthening the DDR workforce in Nigeria.

On the development of ISSUP in Nigeria, he noted that a journey that started in 2016 like a one-man squad (himself alone) has now become a very big family in the field of DDR in Nigeria, with close to three thousand members. He noted that it is a dream come true after 28 years in the field of drug control and knowing one of the major challenges which is lack of cooperation among professionals and major stakeholders, including government agencies. He noted that everyone has a role to play as far as drug control is concerned, thus bringing all the stakeholders on board with appropriate capacity, knowing where to draw the line and make necessary referrals is one of the keys to effective drug control in Nigeria and around the world. This is what ISSUP has brought on board, he noted.

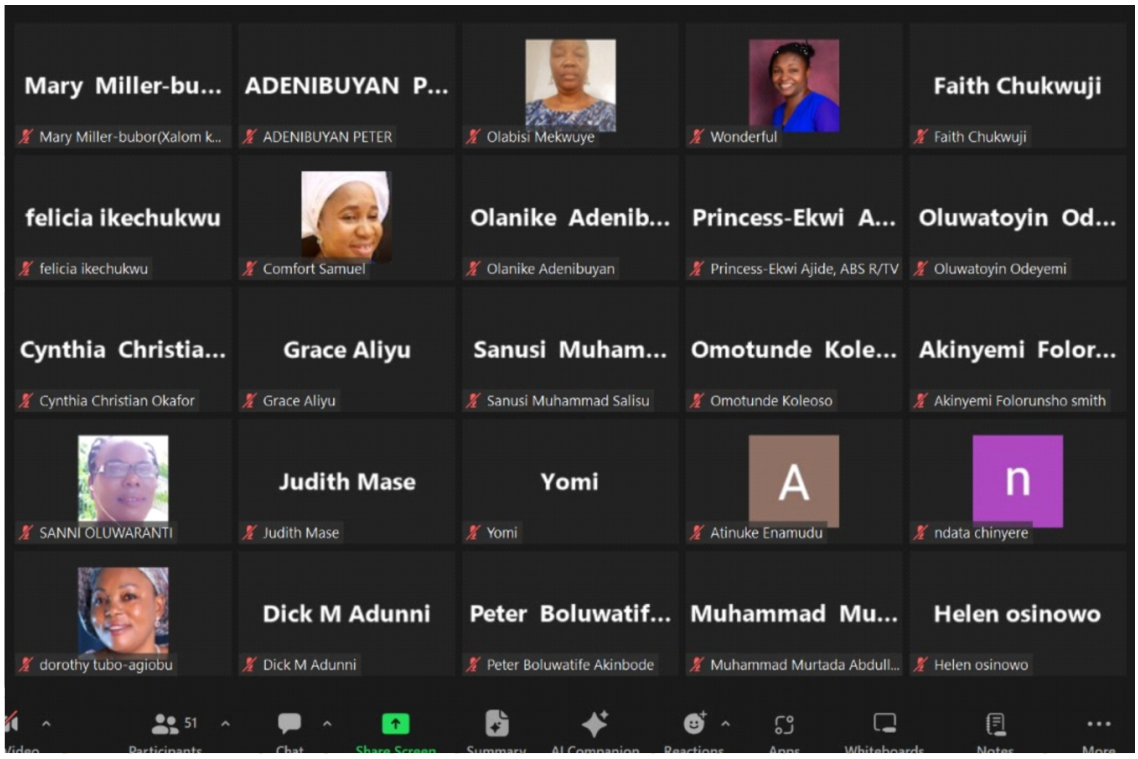
L-R: Mrs Titilope Ogunluyi, Dr. Martin Agwogie and Dr. Olajumoke Koyejo

Finally, he called for continuous support at all levels for the sustainability of the achievements of ISSUP in Nigeria since 2016 as he begins to wind down his tenure as the President. He called on the branch for support for the successful hosting of the 2024 National Conference/Annual General Meeting holding in Lagos state.

The visit ended at about 4.00pm with prayer by the State Coordinator and cutting of the president's birthday cake as the visit coincided with his birthday.

ISSUP LAGOS STATE

Ahead of abstract submission for the ISSUP Global Conference in Thessaloniki, Greece, ISSUP Lagos state branch organized a seminar on abstract writing. ISSUP North Central Zonal Coordinator and a member of the ISSUP National Chapters Advisory Committee, Prof. Soar G. Goar was the guest speaker. The seminar, which had over 60 attendees was moderated by Mr. Peter Adenibuyan. It was an interactive session with great knowledge acquired on how to write abstract for conference presentation. The webinar was coordinated by ISSUP Lagos state branch coordinator, Mrs. Titilope M. Ogunluyi.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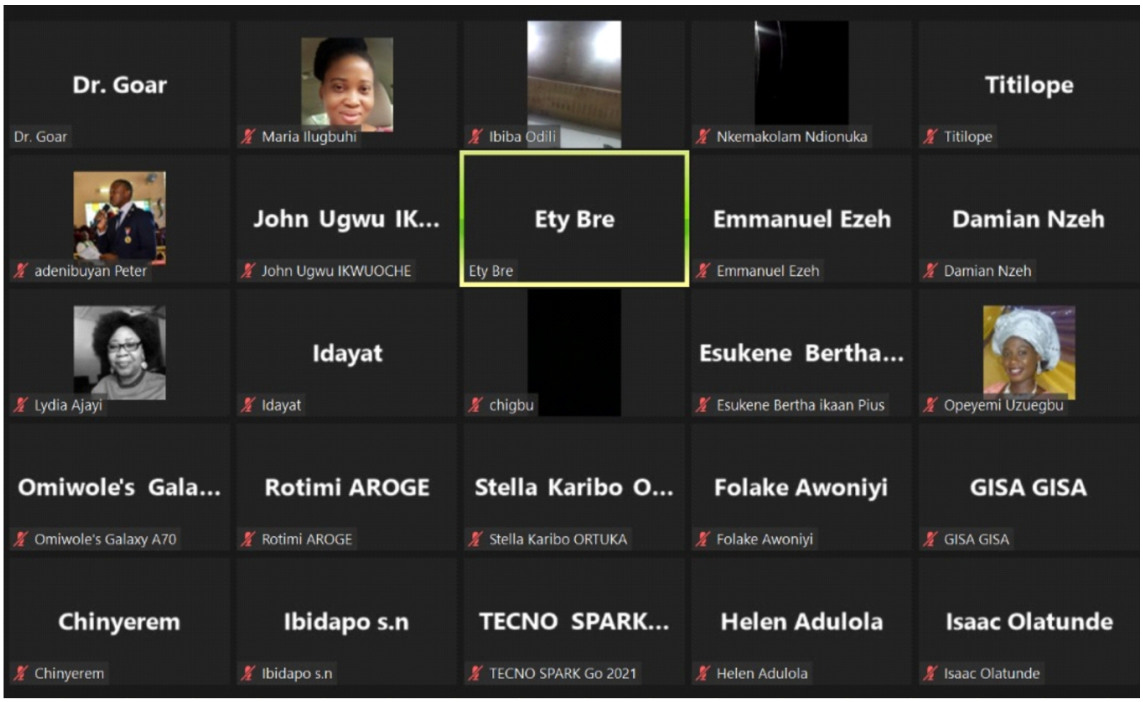
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Media Advocacy

In recent appearances on LTV Lagos Television, Lagos State branch demonstrated its commitment to drug demand reduction in Lagos state through media advocacy. Members of Lagos branch, including Mrs. Titilope Ogunluyi (State Coordinator), Dr. Olatunde Isaac (State Treasurer), Ms. Angela Bekederemo (State Secretary), and Mrs. Dorothy Tubo-Agiobu, appeared on the live show "LTV Owùró làwà" (meaning the morning show). This program emphasises ISSUP Lagos state's strategic efforts in combating substance abuse through various channels, including media engagement.

L - R: Dr. Olatunde Isaac, LTV presenter and Mrs. Titilope Ogunluyi in the studio

R – L: Ms. Angela Bekederemo (State Secretary), and Mrs. Dorothy Tubo-Agiobu

R – L: Mrs. Titilope Ogunluyi (State Coordinator), Dr. Olatunde Isaac (State Treasurer)

ABIA STATE

Paid Courtesy Visit to the NDLEA

Led by State Coordinator Dr. Oko Kalu, ISSUP Abia State branch paid a scheduled courtesy visit to the new Commander of NDLEA at the Aba headquarters. Dr. Oko welcomed the new Commander, expressing ISSUP's Abia state branch's readiness to work with him and his team in the task of WADA (War against Drug Abuse). He noted that ISSUP Abia state branch's focus this year will be on Drug Education and reassessing the role of Vigilante groups in the War against Drug Abuse. Commander Adelanwa Amos Adetunji, welcomed the delegation, stating his anticipation of meeting with ISSUP members in Abia State. He outlined areas of collaboration with NDLEA, including drug education, rehabilitation, referrals, serving in drug-related committees, and participation in programs directed by Her Excellency, Ms. Priscilia Otti, wife of the Governor. ISSUP Abia state branch delegation also requested the restoration of the position of Senior Special Adviser (SSA) to the Governor on drugs, to be assigned to their member. In his vote of thanks, Deputy Commander DN Ibani MacLean Monday expressed hope for harmonious collaboration between ISSUP and NDLEA in Abia State. The Commander took members of ISSUP on a tour of the headquarters, and photographs were taken, with gifts presented to the delegates.

Photograph of NDLEA Abia State and ISSUP Abia State Branch

ISSUP Abia State Coordinator, Dr. Oko Kalu (L) and NDLEA Abia State Commander, Adelanwa Amos Adetunji (R)

CROSS RIVER STATE

The 2nd edition of the Calabar Marathon in 2024 had the theme "Stop Drugs and Substance Abuse." This event, a 14km race in Calabar, aimed to promote fitness and raise awareness about the dangers of drug abuse, especially among youth.

Collaborating with ISSUP Cross River State Branch and NGOs, efforts were made to spread information along the route, engaging the public, particularly young people, about the harms of drug abuse. Advocacy during the marathon targeted government officials, stressing the need for a comprehensive state drug policy to tackle substance abuse issues.

Questionnaires distributed along the route aided in collecting data on attitudes and behaviors related to drug use for further analysis. Overall, the marathon served as a platform for physical activity and advocacy, addressing the pressing issue of drug abuse and fostering community efforts for prevention and mitigation.

Award presentation at the Marathon

Cross River Coordinator, Benedict Obasse (l) and other NGO representatives

Benedict Obasse and ISSUP Collegue

Benedict Obasse (r) and other participants

DELTA STATE

Valentine's Day Drug Sensitization Campaign in Delta State

In Delta State, ISSUP, in collaboration with Revive our Youth Initiative (ROYI) and Cheno Foundation, conducted a drug and substance abuse sensitization campaign on February 14th, 2024, to commemorate Valentine's Day under the theme "Spread Love, Not Drugs." The campaign, targeting the younger generation, visited three schools: Jeddo Secondary School Jeddo, Faithland School Jeddo, and Ezezi Secondary School Ugoto. Commencing at 8 a.m., the campaign aimed to coincide with the assembly period of the first school, Jeddo Secondary School,Jeddo. At the school, Mrs. Olabisi, the state assistant coordinator, delivered a talk titled "Spread Love, Not Drugs," covering the definition of drugs, illegal substances, and the consequences of drug abuse. Following the lecture, a question-and-answer session was held, facilitated by the coordinator of ISSUP Delta state Branch, Reverend Father Christopher A. Ogaga, and his assistant. The session concluded with an encouragement for students to refrain from drugs and to "Spread Love, Not Drugs," followed by a closing prayer. Similar activities were carried out at Ugoto Secondary School, where the state coordinator provided a closing address.

Students in one of the sessions

The State Coordinator, Reverend Father Christopher A. Ogaga, Second from the right and other collaborators

Students in one of the sessions

Students/pupils at the session

The State Coordinator, other collaborators and staff of one of the schools

EKITI STATE

Courtesy Visits in Ekiti State

The Ekiti State branch of ISSUP Nigeria led by the state coordinator Olori Lydia Adza Ajayi conducted a courtesy visit to the Ekiti State University Teaching Hospital, Ado Ekiti, introducing ISSUP to the staff of the Department of Psychiatry, including doctors, clinical psychologists, nurses, and other staff of the hospital. Additionally, the branch paid a courtesy visit to the Commander of the NDLEA Ekiti State Command, aiming to establish robust collaboration with the agency.

A representation of both ISSUP members and EKSUTH staff from Department of Psychiatry

With the Head, Department of Psychiatry, EKSUTH Ado Ekiti, Dr Obadeji (L)

Visit to the Commander, NDLEA Ekiti State Command, CN Aina Sunday Rufus

RIVERS STATE

Community Awareness and Capacity Building in Rivers State

The Rivers State Branch of ISSUP, led by Dr. Esukene Bertha Pius, remains steadfast in its mission to raise awareness about the grave dangers of substance abuse and its impact on individuals' lives. Leveraging various platforms, including social media, community leaders, and civil society organizations, they are committed to reaching persons who use drugs and their communities. By utilizing diverse mediums, they aim to disseminate vital information, provide support, and promote avenues for rehabilitation and recovery. Their unwavering dedication underlines their belief in the transformative potential of education and outreach in combating substance abuse and safeguarding community well-being.

In February 2024, ISSUP Rivers state branch paid a courtesy call to Rivers State University, Faculty of Humanities, Department of Social Sciences, to collaborate on creating awareness about substance use and its dangers. Additionally, the branch conducted in-house training for members to enhance their capacity on evidence-based interventions and programming.

Members who are receiving membership certificate

Presentation of certificates to members

In house training on substance use ethics etc

Presentation of certificates to members

Bi-monthly meeting and receiving new managers

Cross-section of our visit to Rivers State University

TACKLING ALCOHOL HARM: ISSUP NIGERIA'S RECOMMENDATIONS FOR SCHOOL-BASED PREVENTION

In Nigeria, the allure of Big Alcohol profits is escalating, but so are the concerns about the health and well-being of its people. With rising sales revenues and profits for major alcohol companies, the Nigerian government faces mounting pressure to prioritize alcohol policy to safeguard its citizens.

Recent data reveals a staggering increase in profits for the four largest alcohol companies in Nigeria, marking a 31.2% surge in sales revenue compared to the previous year. These profits, however, come at a heavy cost to society, with alcohol-related harm manifesting in health, social, and economic burdens.

The World Health Organization (WHO) reports alarming statistics, indicating high per capita alcohol consumption and a prevalence of binge drinking among Nigerians. This consumption pattern translates into substantial health repercussions, including liver cirrhosis, road traffic injuries, and cancer-related deaths.

Despite the evident harm caused by alcohol, Nigeria lacks comprehensive alcohol policy frameworks. This regulatory gap allows alcohol companies to operate with minimal restrictions, exposing vulnerable populations, particularly children and youth, to the aggressive marketing and availability of alcohol.

Recognizing the urgent need for action, the Federal Ministry of Health has taken a significant step forward by initiating the development of a national alcohol policy. In collaboration with stakeholders such as the International Society of Substance Use Professionals (ISSUP) Nigeria Chapter, efforts are underway to formulate strategies addressing alcohol manufacture, distribution, advertising, and consumption.

At a recent workshop convened by the Ministry, ISSUP Nigeria played a significant role in advocating for evidence-based alcohol policy interventions. Among the key recommendations put forth by ISSUP Nigeria's Alcohol Policy Committee, chaired by Hashim Ubale, are targeted strategies for school-based prevention.

ISSUP Nigeria's recommendations emphasize the importance of education and prevention initiatives within educational institutions. These include orientation programs on the dangers of alcohol consumption across all levels of schooling, from primary to tertiary education.

Additionally, measures such as eliminating alcohol promotion targeting school children and enforcing reasonable distance regulations for alcohol sales near schools aim to create safer environments for students.

Moreover, ISSUP Nigeria advocates for the involvement of parents, teachers, and community stakeholders in addressing alcohol-related issues within schools. This holistic approach encompasses integrating alcohol education into school curricula, establishing support structures such as counselling units, engaging with local communities to raise awareness about alcohol abuse prevention, and creating community-based support groups for individuals struggling with alcohol use disorder and their families to provide encouragement, guidance and resources for recovery.

Furthermore, ISSUP Nigeria calls for strict regulations prohibiting alcohol brands from sponsoring school programs, particularly in nursery, primary, and secondary schools. By safeguarding educational environments from alcohol influence, these measures aim to protect the well-being and future prospects of Nigeria's youth.

As Nigeria navigates the complex landscape of alcohol policy reform, initiatives such as those proposed by ISSUP Nigeria offer an important contribution for mitigating alcohol-related harm. By prioritizing evidence-based prevention strategies, Nigeria can strive towards a healthier and safer future for its citizens.

In the quest for sustainable development and societal well-being, addressing alcohol harm is not just a priority but a vital necessity. Through concerted efforts and collaboration between government, civil society, and stakeholders like ISSUP Nigeria, Nigeria can pave the way towards a brighter, alcohol-responsible future.

The strategic approach of integrating policy development and collaborating with key stakeholders like NDLEA and health professionals reflects a comprehensive effort. The success at the 17th National Council on Transportation (NCT) and subsequent partnerships with Road Accident Prevention Network Centre (RAPNEC NG), and ISSUP demonstrate progress and commitment.

The inclusion of the drug demand reduction (DDR) curriculum into existing transport sector training programs, with collaboration from prominent institutions like Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transport Nigeria (CILT), Chartered Institute of Transport Administrators (CIOTA), Nigerian Institute of Transport Technology (NITT) is a forward-thinking step. The emphasis on addressing drunk driving and substance-induced Road Transport Accidents aligns with global concerns highlighted by WHO since 2018. The partnership's commitment to the UN Decade of Action on Road Safety 2021-2030 further reinforces their dedication to making a significant impact in this critical area.

Overall, the initiative appears well-structured and positioned to contribute significantly to reducing substance-induced accidents in the Nigerian transport sector.

The President and Founder of Road Accident Prevention Network Centre (RAPNEC NG), Prince Ache Julius Ogu, commended ISSUP Nigeria for the bold step in tackling Road Traffic Collisions (RTC), which claims about 3.5 million lives globally every year with over 50 million injured. Critical stakeholders are welcomed to join the partnership towards a safer transport system in Nigeria.

APPOINTMENTS

PAUL LAWRENCE
Niger State Branch Coordinator

AWARDS

Margaret Kwa'ada Julius, Director of Eye Opener, an NGO from Nigeria, has been honoured for her exceptional contributions to Drug Demand Reduction (DDR) initiatives. As an alumna of the Ecolink Institute's Universal Treatment Curriculum (UTC) program and an active member of ISSUP, Margaret has demonstrated remarkable dedication to combating substance abuse.

Margaret's leadership in DDR activities in Nigeria, particularly in Kaduna and Adamawa states, has earned her recognition from organizations like WHO. She has spearheaded innovative approaches in the World No Tobacco campaigns and has showcased exemplary leadership in community engagement.

Her pioneering work includes the establishment of the Recovery Allies training program and Substance Abstinence Clubs, providing vital support networks for those committed to maintaining a substance-free lifestyle.Through her tireless efforts, Margaret has made a significant impact in advancing DDR efforts in Nigeria. Congratulations!

In continuation of ISSUP Nigeria Chapter bi-monthly knowledge update series, here are the recent webinars, speakers and highlights from the presentations. For the recordings, please visit ISSUP website.

Topic: Community support system of care for people in recovery

Fatima Abiola Popoola (CN)

Highlights from the presentation

- Advanced knowledge about recovery system.
- Learnt how recovery-oriented system of care imparts the success of recovery within the community.
- Highlighted professionals' core competences in recovery support system.
- Leant about the language of recovery.
- Highlighted challenges of recovery support system.

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Topic: Brief Intervention for Substance Abuse: ASSIST Model

Dr. Chinyere C. Okonkwo

Highlights from the presentation

- Described the rationale for brief intervention.
- Highlighted the components of brief intervention.
- Learnt the practical steps in administering brief intervention.
- Learnt appropriate ways of making referrals.

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Topic: Recovery Oriented Services in Co-occurring Disorders

Dr. Kingsley Okonoda

Highlights from the presentation

- Understanding that co-occurring substance use disorders and mental illnesses are common among people in treatment.
- Understanding that people with co-occurring disorders are more likely to relapse and with worse psychosocial outcomes.
- Understanding and articulating positive outcomes associated with integrated care for people with co-occurring disorders.
- Understanding recovery and the fundamental components of recovery for people with co-occurring disorders.
- Understanding the roles of providers and services in recovery for people with co-occurring disorders.

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